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MEMORANDUM FOR: STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE IAC

Subject: Report on Meeting of May 4, Subject "Scientific Intelligence"

1. The meeting was held at State's request to discuss the CIA memo of 21 April.

2. All, except Army, favored a single overall committee on scientific intelligence. The Army is coordinating NIS Chapter VII on science, using somewhat similar interdepartmental committees, so does not want to have this duplicated. If there is to be one overall committee, Army would like to have it take over the coordinating responsibilities for NIS Chapter VII.

3. The Standing Committee Members and their accompanying scientific specialists discussed this matter and agreed that one overall permanent interdepartmental committee on scientific intelligence would be the best solution. This committee could appoint working groups for the various subjects under consideration and could also establish liaison with the Research and Development Board to find out what are their requirements and to decide how best to meet them. For security reasons, the Standing Committee Members were against having an RDB man as a member of this overall committee but did favor liaison connection as a close tie-in with RDB in the scientific field.

4. A Proposed IAC Agreement is now being worked on within CIA to set up this permanent scientific intelligence committee somewhat along the lines of the Jigsaw Committee on International Communism, which has already received Standing Committee approval and is being circulated to the IAC with formal voting slips. The agreement on scientific intelligence will include the purposes outlined in paragraph 3 of the 21 April memo and will have reference therein to NSCID's 2, 3, and 10 as well as to the existing working groups in the NIS and Nuclear Energy Matters and to liaison with the RDB.

5. When this proposal has been drafted, it will be circulated to the Standing Committee Members for clearance within their agencies.

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